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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MAKOTO SATO ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/835,329 )  
Filed: April 17, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD )

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2621

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of the non-English document, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English Abstract attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S.

Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/627,722	07/28/00	2713
09/310,130	05/12/99	2772
09/797,885	03/05/01	2621
09/702,764	11/04/00	2621
09/793,538	02/27/01	2621

09/818,560

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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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